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TOPIC Airfield of KOETHEN

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1. About 50 aircraft of four different types (Boston-IIIs and fighters with in-line and radial engines) were parked at the KOETHEN (M 52/D 95) airfield on 17 June 1949. Three of the twin-engine planes were often observed towing sleeve targets. The fighters with in-line engines and red propeller hubs, which were the fastest of all aircraft stationed there, frequently practiced formation flying. The field, without runways, was, since it was inclined, also serviceable after rains.

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2. a. About 25 fighters with radial and in-line engines were parked at the KOETHEN airfield on 21 June 1949. A twin-engine high-wing monoplane with strikingly high rudder assembly, towing a sleeve target, was observed taking off, heading in the direction of DESSAU (M 52/E 17).

b. A radio station with four small masts and a cabin in the center had been newly set up between the two hangars northeast of the landing field. A filling station was under construction on the northern field border.

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3.  Comment:

Report confirms the previously reported occupation of the airfield by Yak-3 and La-5 or La-7 fighters and by A-20s. The field is still assumed to be occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment equipped with A-20s and La-5s or La-7s and by a fighter regiment equipped with Yak-3s.

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